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Withdrawal

SITUATION AT A GLANCE
LONDON—The British cabinet prepared to hold a full session over the definite refusal of Italy to confer regarding withdrawal of volunteers.

PARIS—Premier Camille Chautemps, under pressure from London agreed not to open the French frontier without agreement of Great Britain.

TUNIS, Algeria—Sinking of a Spanish steamer by two "unidentified" torpedo boats was the second such outrage since the establishment of the piracy blockade.

TOKYO—Following a semi-formal declaration of war against China by a Japanese general, Premier Konoye announced a plan to form a "War Council" to stop dissension within Japan.

WASHINGTON—State Department officials indicated that, with the U. S. attitude against aggression defined, the next move is with the League of Nations.

GENEVA—France and Great Britain are considering the naval occupation of the Spanish island of Minorca, it was learned here following the latest torpedo-sinking of a Spanish freighter and Mussolini's refusal to consider withdrawal of troops.

The island is within sight of the Italian naval base established on the island of Majorca and its occupation would be a severe blow to the Italian efforts to dominate the Mediterranean.

LONDON—With the British-French requests for a conference on withdrawal of volunteers unanswered by an outright refusal to confer and by the addition of violence in the sinking of a Spanish ship in Mediterranean waters, the British cabinet was expected to hold a full meeting here this week.

It was clearly understood from Mussolini's double-barreled reply that the Italian dictator intended not only to keep Italian troops in Spain but was threatening to send reinforcements.

Adding to this ever-sharpening cleavage between Italy and the maneuvering Tory government, Foreign Minister Delbos of France made a strong plea for French action in the crisis and calling for unity of France and England to offset the unity displayed in action by Italy and Germany. His speech clearly implied the advisability of opening the French border to the free passage of volunteers and supplies. Nevertheless, Premier Camille Chautemps after a conference with Delbos, gave the government's pledge not to act without the cooperation of England.

Something New!

Do you notice it? That's it! The Western Worker has obtained a Ludlow machine with so many new type faces that we can't list them ALL!

But you ain't seen nothing yet!

A SURPRISE per week! That's our schedule until the biggest surprise of all—a daily paper on NEW YEAR'S DAY!

P. S. We hope you like it. (Cost a lot of money. What have you done in the drive up to date?)

South China Offers
Crack Troops to
Defense

SHANGHAI—Reinforcement of the Shanghai defenders by an entire provincial army of well-trained troops from Kwangsi province appeared likely following reports than General Lo Tsung-jen, provincial governor, was enroute to Nanking to confer with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Lo had headed a near-revolution last year in his demands on Chiang to take a firmer stand against Japan.

The announcement came as the Japanese began still another offensive on the central Shanghai sector, sending infantry to follow up the several days of devastating artillery fire on the North Station.

Check Japanese

Two hours of hand to hand fighting found Japanese still as far away from the strategic station as they were in mid-August. Chinese despite the artillery fire intended to break their defense, opened a deadly machine gun barrage. Others planted mines in the path of the advancing Japanese.

Defending machine gunners from the banks of the Whangpoo, opposite International Settlement, raked the docks of the Japanese flagship Idzumo, preventing the take-off of Japanese planes which were warming up.

Driven back in an earlier offensive in this sector, the Japanese resorted to a barrage of poison gas, the first to be used on a mass scale since the World War. Health experts and news correspondents, examining Chinese victims of the gas, said its effects of blisters and inflamed eye membranes were the effects of mustard gas.

The mission of General Lo to Nanking was believed to be a prelude to a general mobilization of forces in South China, which has escaped the major brunt of the war to date but which has nevertheless suffered terrific aerial bombardments on major cities as well as provincial planes.

**Fitzgerald Again Is
Given Ultimatum**

SAN QUENTIN—Again without citing any reason for its action, the State Board of Prison Directors last Saturday reaffirmed its order to Robert J. Fitzgerald, secretary pro tem of the Honest Government Committee pledged their support to the campaign against the anti-picket law.

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Other speakers included Candidates Herbert Nugent and Mrs. Marjorie January. In response to the appeal of Chairman I. B. Tolins, the audience contributed \$125 to campaign expenses and a large group volunteered for neighborhood campaign activity.

CIO MAPS FIGHT ON PICKET BAN

**Big Committee Organized
For Campaign**

SAN FRANCISCO—The newly organized CIO Industrial Council took steps for an active campaign against the anti-picketing ordinance being sponsored by the open-shop "Committee of 43" in the November 2 municipal election, at its meeting last Friday night at 1179 Market St., Almaden, Clothing Workers Hall.

The council called together a broad committee of five members from each affiliated union, to meet Tuesday night, October 12, at the Int'l. Ladies Garment Workers Union Hall at 149 Mason St.

Seek Cooperation

Each affiliated union is also asked to contribute 25 cents per capita for its membership, in order to finance a broad publicity campaign against the ordinance.

The CIO committee was expected to seek cooperation with the Committee Against the Anti-Picketing Ordinance, set up by the AFL Central Labor Council.

Labor's fight against the proposed anti-labor law was endorsed by the San Francisco Property Owners League, which stated:

"Labor's constitutional right to advertise its own grievances is an advantage to San Francisco."

**Candidates Pledge Fight
On Picketing Ban**

SAN FRANCISCO—More than 700 people in Scottish Rite Auditorium Sunday night applauded and cheered as the candidates of the Honest Government Committee pledged their support to the campaign against the anti-picket law.

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CIO WINS POINT IN ORTEZ CASE

OAKLAND—As a result of mass pressure led by the CIO Industrial Council, five union men will be allowed to appear before the Alameda County Parole Board on behalf of Faustino Ortez, Hayward cannery worker sentenced to six months in jail for "battery" as a result of a frame-up in connection with the recent cannery strike.

The announcement was made by District Attorney Earl Warren who said that in return the Industrial Council had pledged not to place pickets around the Alameda County Court House.

Nothing Too Tough for Them



WHILE a heavy rainstorm drenched them to the skin, Chinese infantrymen, defending their country against unwarranted Japanese invasion, take positions behind a sandbag and wire barricade in the path of Japanese units invading the Capei area at Shanghai.

FLASH AND DOUBLE FLASH!

State Drive Committee for the Daily Western Worker announces with pleasure the awarding of the first lifetime subscription of the daily newspaper to JERRY FEINGOLD!

FEINGOLD reached the 100 dollar mark last week and by this time is rapidly on his way to becoming A TWO-TIME LIFER with \$150 turned in on the drive.

JERRY says "IT WAS A CINCH!"

First to attain its quota in the drive is the Laborers' Unit of the Industrial Section of the San Francisco County Communist Party, which this week turned in 100 smackers for the daily paper. At its next meeting, the Laborers' Unit is expected to accept an additional sum. One Comrade in this unit raised fifty percent of the total. He is now HALF-A-LIFER, and may be a LIFER before the drive ends.

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NEW PLOT ON FIREMEN SEEN

**MFOW Meet Brands New
Reactionary Move**

SAN FRANCISCO—The latest effort of discredited Marine Firemen's Union officials, working in collusion with the reactionary AFL machine, to split the union

was exposed and spiked at a special headquarters branch meeting here on Monday afternoon.

A resolution emanating from the Seattle branch requesting that an "emergency headquarters" be set up was branded as "union splitting unconstitutional and disruptive" by 250 men from the ships at the special meeting.

The so-called "emergency" arose several weeks ago when headquarters branch ousted J. E. Ferguson, secretary, for packing a meeting with 100 non-union members.

Associated with Ferguson as prime movers in the present attempt to regain control, according to rank and file members, are B. J. O'Sullivan, San Pedro agent; V. J. Malone, expert Committeeman; Bert Coleman, Seattle agent; and Gus Oldenburg, Portland agent.

Open charges were made at the meeting that this clique was working with Harry Lundeberg, anti-CIO secretary of the Sailors Union, and reactionary AFL SUP secretary, to both AFL and CIO. Green wrote back promising everything, including complete autonomy and jurisdiction over all unlicensed seagoing personnel.

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SAILORS REJECT GREEN'S BAIT

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Joe Casey Tries to 'Buy Off' E. Bay Rank-File Truckers

OAKLAND—Seven members of Teamsters Local 70 will ignore verbal summons to appear before the executive board to face charges growing out of their activities for rank and file control of the local, unless they receive written notice by registered mail in accordance with their constitution, and assurances that their case will be submitted to the rank and file.

Their demands, embodied in a letter to Joe Casey, Teamster international representative, received full endorsement of the membership at a meeting of the rank and file last Friday night.

It was revealed Casey had tried to buy off the seven men by promising to let them go back to work if they would "keep their mouths shut." Charges against two other teamsters were dropped.

The meeting decided against sending Clifford Lester, deposed by the international officials as Local 70 president, to Indianapolis to face charges before the Teamsters General Executive Board. Instead, a written statement in his defense will be drawn up in the form of petition signed by members of the

union.

The meeting also voted to continue publishing the Rank and File Bulletin and to continue weekly meetings at Carpenters Hall.

"No Change of Scenery"

SAN FRANCISCO—Threats of Teamster officials to set up an embargo against the Int'l. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union in the port of Stockton, claimed by Joe Casey to have been voted last week by Stockton Teamsters for an undetermined future date, received brief comment from Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast CIO director.

"A change of scene, but no change of scenery," said Bridges. "The problem is exactly the same as it was in San Francisco—the same men, the same tactics, the same inevitable result. We still have a National Labor Relations Board, and the board has made it quite clear what the law is.

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Jim-Crow Kress Store Agrees to Hire Negro Salesgirls

"UNION LABOR" PARTY PICKS NOMINEES

Ed. Vandeleur Once Led Group to Seat Rossi Regime

SAN FRANCISCO—Ignoring requests from the CIO Industrial Council for joint consideration of political questions and candidates, the Union Labor Party Saturday night endorsed a full slate of candidates for city election.

The brief meeting adopted virtually without debate the proposals of the executive board. It had not been called together since the 1935 elections when E. A. Vandeleur led the movement to align it behind the Rossi machine. Notifications sent to the locals in calling the meeting had said that no candidates would be named.

Those endorsed for supervisors were James B. McSheehy, John M. Ratto, Andrew J. Gallagher, Joseph C. Sharp, and George R. Reilly.

Mass Meeting to Aid Polish Jews

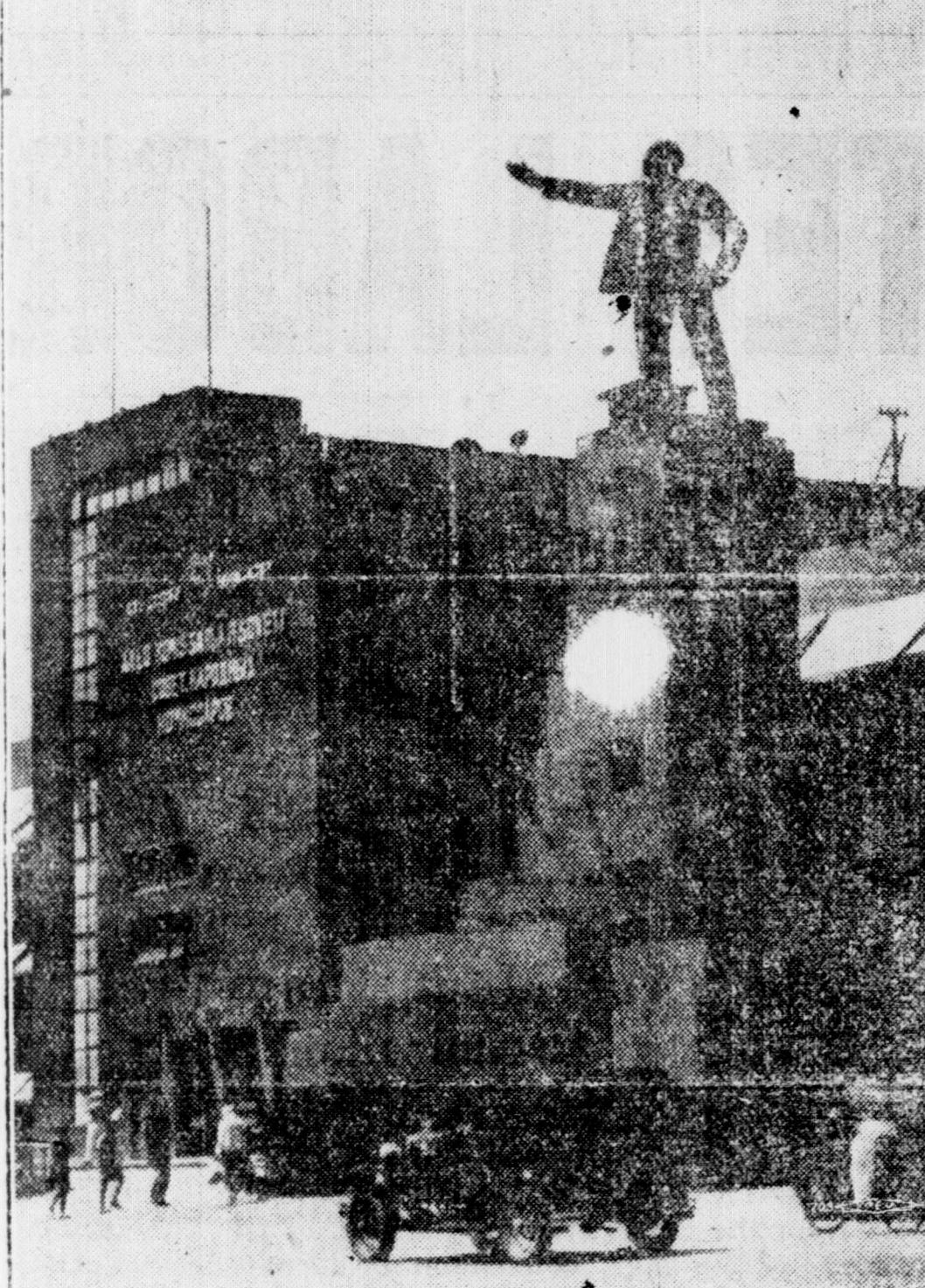
SAN FRANCISCO—Vigorous protest against Fascist anti-Semitism in Poland will be voiced at a mass meeting to be held in Scottish Rite Auditorium Wednesday evening Oct. 17. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Polish Conference committee organized by the United Council to Combat Anti-Semitism and Nazism.

Dr. J. J. Weinstein, prominent San Francisco educator and head of the School for Jewish Studies, will relate recent personal observations of Polish oppression of minority groups and discriminatory legislation.

Other speakers will include Rabbi Saul White and I. B. Tolin. Marjorie January, candidate for supervisor, will be chairman.

Every "Western" Reader a "Western" staff member!

Monument to a Great Leader



THIS IS the building of the Council of People's Commissars of the Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic, Tashkent, a central Asian city. As everywhere throughout the Soviet Union, a monument to the memory of Nikolai Lenin has been erected.

N. Y. PROSECUTOR HITS BRUTAL POLICE TACTICS AGAINST WORKERS ON PICKET LINE

BALTIMORE—Hard boiled police chiefs, accustomed to regarding all strikes as a racket, requiring the use of nightsticks, were told that theory is "plain nonsense" in a speech by Thos. E. Dewey, special prosecutor of New York.

Speaking to an audience at the convention of the International Association of Police

chiefs which included Commissioner Allman of Chicago, who defended actions of his force during the Memorial Day massacre at the Republic Steel plant during the Senate civil liberties committee investigation, Dewey told the police heads they should stay out of strikes.

"Night Sticks"

After sharply criticizing political influence in police departments, Dewey declared, "Some people would like to settle questions with night sticks and incidents."

"This is plain nonsense. A strike by honest workers is no evidence of a racket and the prosecutor or police officer who thinks that it is, or that he is called upon to use some extra legal means to interfere, will receive a well deserved rebuke from which he will not quickly recover."

Massacre Attacked

Preceding Dewey's speech, five messenger boys walked through the audience of over 600 distributing copies of the Senate civil liberties committee report on the Chicago Memorial Day massacre. Attached to the cover of the report was a copy of the telegram from former District of Columbia Commissioner of Police Gen. Pelham D. Glassford to the president of the police chief's association, blasting the actions of the Chicago police.

Mass meeting at the Philharmonic Auditorium, Wed., 8:30 p.m., Oct. 13th. The three fighting Flaherty Brothers, Auspices Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion. Tickets on sale at 333 West Second St., Room 616, phone MI 7926.

Mass meeting, three Flaherty Brothers, from Lincoln Battalion, Masonic Temple, 234 So. Brand Blvd., Glendale, Oct. 15 (Friday), 8 p.m. To be accompanied by premier showing of "9 Day With the Lincoln Battalion."

Pullman Porters' Grand Victory Ball, Elks Auditorium, 3616 Central Ave., Thursday, October 21st. Howard Patrick's "Rhythm Boys," Auspices of International Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Charles L. Upton, President; W. B. Holland, Secretary-Treasurer. Admission, 40c.

Mass meeting, celebration 20th anniversary Russian Revolution. Speaker, Clarence Hathaway, Editor Daily Worker of New York. Civic Auditorium, November 5th 8 p.m.

Grand October Revolution Celebration, Sat., Nov. 6, Dreamland Auditorium, Clarence Hathaway, Editor Daily Worker, main speaker.

Thanksgiving Carnival & Dance, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 8 p.m., 121 Haight St. By S. F. Industrial Section.

Three days Grand Fiesta, Dec. 31, 1937, Jan. 1, 2, 1938, by S. F. County Committee.

Other Affairs

San Francisco

Congress Dance Oct. 16, Yosemitte Hall, 110 Page St., Adm. 40c. Am. League Against War and Fascism.

Leon E. Malamut on the Concertina. Freiheit Gezang Ferein in new songs. Dancing until 1 p.m. Refreshments Saturday, October 23rd, Redman's Hall, 3053 16th St. Admission 35c. Freiheit Gezang Ferein.

Benefit dance for Defenders of Spanish democracy, ILWU Ship Scalers, Druids Temple, 44 Page St., Sat. night Oct. 23. Admission—Gentlemen, 30c; ladies free. Union music.

Dance to be held at 779 Vallejo St., Sat., Oct. 30th, 8 p.m. Adm. 25c. Auspices Alaska Cannery Branch No. 5.

December 12th taken by Freiheit Gezang Ferein. Jacob Shafer Memorial Concert at the Jew-

Monument to a Great Leader

PROGRESSIVES OF CALIFORNIA FOR PEACE IS TO ASSEMBLE PLANNED SUN.

Fresno Conference Sat. and Sunday to Prepare for 1938 Election

LOS ANGELES—Plans for rallying all Southern California forces for peace and democracy were being pushed forward here today by the American League Against War and Fascism, with added impetus given to the movement by Secretary of State Cordell Hull's recent condemnation of Japan.

Spokesmen for the American League declared hundreds of representatives from liberal, labor, religious, civic and political groups will gather at the Studio Carpenters' Hall, 5164 Santa Monica Boulevard, on Sunday, October 17, for a Southern California Congress for Peace and Democracy.

Included in the list of the "California Committee of One Hundred for Political Unity" are eleven assemblymen, Wilbur Gilbert, Augustus F. Hawkins, Elmer E. Lore, George Miller, Ellis E. Patterson, John B. Pelletier, Fred Reaves, Paul A. Richie, Ben Rosenthal, Jack B. Tenney, and Samuel Yorty.

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Keynote of the congress, it was stated, is expected to be based on President Roosevelt's plea for world cooperation to isolate aggressor nations.

Vigilant legislation aimed at crippling effective trade union action, slashes in WPA, the Sheppard-Hill mobilization plan and other movements attacking democracy will come in for sharp analysis, according to the League's call for the congress.

A general session in the morning will put the congress under way, with commentary expected to be forthcoming from outstanding speakers on major issues facing the world.

Others taking the same action include Revel Stanfield and Vic Johnson, Modesto frame-up victims, and Dirk de Jonge, whose conviction under the Oregon C. S. Act was reversed in January by the U. S. Supreme Court.

Protests Arrests of Pickets By Police and Deputies

LOS ANGELES—Threatening to demand State Legislature Committee investigation of the relationship between police activities and strikebreaking forces, J. R. Robertson, CIO regional director, has addressed a sharp telegram to Mayor Sharp of Banning, as follows:

"Reports reach us that your police threaten to arrest legal pickets as vagrants. Any such arrests will be followed by an immediate demand for a legislative committee to investigate the relation of your law enforcement department to strike breaking activities."

The move to arrest pickets is the latest provocative strike-breaking gesture by the police and deputies of Banning, the declared leaders of the striking Tunnel, Subway & Aqueduct Workers' Union. Over 60 arrests have been made, mostly minor misdemeanor charges, with bail set as high as \$5000 in an attempt to deplete the union treasury. Strikers have been beaten and shot down by armed deputies.

The national congress, also called by the American League, will aim at coordinating action on the part of forces throughout the nation seeking peace and democracy.

The protests from unions and other organizations pouring into Webb's office demand the unconditional freedom of all eight of the Sacramento defendants.

The spitefulness of Webb in holding up the boys' release finds the Sacramento defendants still supremely confident that the workers and progressives will effect their release visitors from the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act and of the International Labor Defense, declared today.

White's demands on Webb are being made. George Anderson, ILD attorney, has filed a writ of habeas corpus in Marin county in an effort to effect their early freedom.

FARM LEADER'S APPEAL DENIED

SACRAMENTO—Arrested on frame-up charges growing out of a demonstration of 300 farmers against forcible tuberculosis testing of cows, last May in Stanislaus County, William S. Standridge of Hilmar, leader in the Western Cooperative Dairymen's Union, found here last Wednesday that the 3rd District Court of Appeals was standing with the large dairy owners. His appeal for a writ of habeas corpus was denied, and he was ordered held for trial.

The Dairymen's Union has been leading a fight against condemnation of cows without proper adequate compensation. Standridge was arrested on the ranch of John Borba, who had over 90 per cent of his cows condemned and who was allotted only about 25-30 per cent of their value with which to replace them.

They were released only when deputies were finally convinced that they were not union members.

Cordes and Winsel state they will file charges against the Metropolitan Water District for false arrest and battery.

Speaking for a committee of attorneys which will cooperate with the organized labor forces' campaign against the proposed ordinance, Leland Lazarus declared:

"It is our purpose to give the voters a real interpretation of this ordinance. It should be understood that the effects of this law are so far-reaching as to strictly censor the press of San Francisco.

The voters of this city will not give up their constitutional rights for an ordinance which increases instead of minimizes opportunities for disorder in industrial disputes. We warn the people of San Francisco that the obscure legal phraseology of this ordinance carries a threat to their personal freedom."

The AFL announced that a "conspiracy" clause in the proposed ordinance makes indirect participation in peaceful picketing punishable by imprisonment in San Quentin.

H. ROJAS—Auto top and trimming, curtains and cushions made and repaired. 2720 23rd St., Near Potrero.

SHOE REPAIR SHOP—Shoes for sale, 400 pairs uncalled for. 70c to \$1 a pair. 1490 Eddy St., near Filmore.

The Los Angeles Relief Committee for Political Prisoners of NOWYDWOR, (Poland) will hold its annual Banquet on Sunday, October 17, 1937 at Folks House, 420 N. Soto St. Admission is fifty cents and includes a first class chicken dinner plus an excellent musical program.

San Francisco

Monument to a Great Leader

Vargas Red Scare Meets Opposition Of Powerful Foes

"State of War" Indicates Attempt at New Bloodshed; Opposition Grows to Nazi Aides of Dictator

RIO DE JANIRO—Threat of a new series of acts of bloody suppression and violence against remaining democratic activities and organizations of Brazil was injected into the current election campaign by the minister of justice of the Vargas administration.

The announcement of the minister was based on typical and hysterical announcements that it had intercepted secret correspondence from the "Comintern" calling for the complete disruption of Brazilian life through arson, theft, destruction of military airports, torpedoing of warships, dynamiting of military barracks and public buildings.

"State of War"

With this "bombshell" the minister of justice, Dr. Jose Maceo Soarez, called for a "state of war" which was formally declared by a subservient legislature. Everywhere, this proposed "state of war" was recognized as an impending attack which would conceivably put in the shade the cruelty and blood with which the 1935 National Liberation uprising was suppressed.

It was feared also to be a prelude to possible action of President Getulio Vargas either to enter the campaign as a candidate for election or to outlaw elections and perpetuate his rule as a dictator, surrounded by agents of the German secret police.

More than is generally recognized outside of Brazil, democratic forces have been rallying throughout the country and taking a powerful part in the election campaign.

At the head of the movement stands the Democratic Student Union, which has become an outstanding spokesman for the people on every economic and political grievance. Unable to advance positive democratic slogans it organized its campaign to "combat extremism," pointing out that tremendous oppression is directed against Communists while no action is taken against the actions of the "Intergalavists" (domestic fascists) and the hundreds of German political and police "advisers" with which Vargas has flooded the country.

Candidate of Democracy

A mass movement of huge dimensions has been growing around the candidacy of Jose Americo de Almeida, a civil engineer and well known writer, whose books and political activities have depicted the ills of the masses and defended democracy.

On the other hand, but still in opposition to Vargas, there is the candidacy of Armando Salles de Oliveira, representing a powerful economic oligarchy, and now governor of Sao Paulo, richest Brazilian province.

The presidential campaign has been an outlet for tremendous mass actions, foremost among which was the demonstration at the military tribunal at the appeals of Pedro Ernesto, former mayor of Rio de Janeiro, and Carlos Luis Prestes. Nearly 200,000 participated.

To date Vargas has not announced himself a candidate.

Moreover, his virtually open collaboration with the agents of Hitler has brought new complications to beset him. Powerful interests in Washington and London have become alarmed.

Warning to Fascists

The Welsh resolution for the loan of six old U.S. destroyers to Brazil for the training of Brazilian naval forces was interpreted as a stern warning to Hitler and Mussolini to keep hands off Latin America.

Great Britain is known to be anxious to see Salles in the presidential chair, and Salles himself has proclaimed that "there is no Communist danger in Brazil and that President Getulio Vargas is using the supposed Communist threat as a pretext to rule by martial law, thus enabling him to combat strong opposition from within."

Britain's concern for Salles is connected with large British investments in the state of Sao Paulo.

But the action of the Vargas military tribunal in confirming the long sentences against Ernesto and against Prestes, one of the most revered political figures in the country, has served as a warning note that Vargas is sounding out the possibilities of attempting to take complete control and outlaw all opposition whatsoever.

Not only from the democratic forces led by the Student Union and rallying around Americo, this opposition is known to be considerable. Governors of many states have been completely unmoved by the cry of "Communism" and the revelation of non-existent "correspondence" from the Comintern.

Aguila Oil Strike Ends With Substantial Gains

MEXICO CITY—After lasting for fifty-seven days, during which time the gasoline supply of Mexico City was slowly drying up, the oil strike in the Poza Rica field of the Aguila Petroleum Company came to an end on September 15th, with many important gains for the workers of the Oil Workers Union.

S. F. CHINESE DEMONSTRATE

Pickets Outpouring Calls for Anti-Japan Boycott

Japanese imperialist bombs in Shanghai echoed along Grant Avenue Saturday in the most militant impressive display of anti-Japanese sentiment San Francisco's Chinatown has ever seen.

Picket lines were thrown around more than twenty Japanese stores, demanding that customers refrain from buying Japanese goods.

Organized by the Chinese Workers' Association and supported by the Communist Party, the picket lines originally consisted entirely of Chinese boys.

Reinforcements

When policemen intervened over forty adults, Chinese and American, were thrown into the breach. They were supported by nearly two hundred Chinese boys and girls who marched up and down Grant Avenue bearing placards asking visitors to refrain from purchasing in Japanese stores.

Police again stepped in and drove two wagon-loads of pickets to the Kearny Street Station. Here, after a short lecture, they were released and returned to the picket lines.

As fast as one picket was arrested two other stepped into his place. At one time nearly 250 pickets patrolled Grant Avenue, laughing and shouting to Chinese sympathizers who thronged the street.

Resist Police Attack

Whenever police attempted to make an arrest so large a crowd would gather that traffic would be completely blocked.

One young Chinese, smartly dressed in riding boots and breeches defied police to arrest the crowd of youngsters and when they threatened to, led a parade of one hundred boys and girls to the police station.

"Arrest us all," he shouted. "I'm within my constitutional rights and I'll make a fool of any judge I come up before.

Officers gave up in disgust, and the young Chinese then stood in the intersection of California St. and Grant Ave. and directed automobile traffic wearing a large placard demanding an anti-Japanese boycott.

Only one or two of those arrested were detained. They were speedily released on bail provided by the International Labor Defense.

At a crowded meeting at The Chinese Workers' Association after the picketing, Chinese and Americans heard George Woolf, president of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union and other prominent speakers denounce Japan's unprincipled invasion of China.

Soviet Planes to Brave Polar Night

MOSCOW—Despite the onset of the polar night, the search for Levanevsky, polar flier, continues, and is even expanding as four specially-equipped night-flying planes prepare to leave Moscow under Chukhovskiy, famed for his rescue when the Italia crashed.

Chukhovskiy considers the best time to search is not in

stormy September, when tempests mark the transition from day to night, but during the first part of the polar night beginning Oct. 10, when there is little rain or snowfall and a fire lit by the crew is visible from the air for over 20 miles.

To make up for the loss of radio beacons the searchers are planning to land a plane equipped with a beacon on an ice-floe nearest the most probable spot where Levanevsky is. They will then use this as a radio beacon to guide an encircling survey over 60,000 square miles of polar wastes.

Up to now the polar expedition in which four scientists are adrift on an ice floe, wintering at the pole, seemed the most amazing Arctic exploit, but this is now dwarfed by the stupendous picture of a plane landing amid the polar winter night on unknown ice floes as a take off point for continuous weeks of search.

Levanevsky's flight was part of a planned conquest of the Arctic which the present search for him still further promotes. Levanevsky is actively hastening the conquest of the pole this winter, whatever his fate may be.

Prices Skyrocket

At the same time that wages have been falling at this un-

One-fourth of the Drive Is Over, But... Only One-fifth of the Money Is In! The Drive Is Exactly \$1182.00 Behind!

What does this mean? Mainly that most counties face a much harder task NOW than they did on September 6, when the drive started.

WHY?

The figures below tell the story. There were 17 weeks in the Drive. We list the counties below and alongside of them the amount now raised; the average amount they had to send in EACH WEEK at the beginning of the Drive in order to fulfill quotas by Jan. 1; and last; the average amount they must send in EACH WEEK for the remaining 12 weeks.

If your county is not in heavy type, your part of the drive is in danger! Take this question up at once with leading party members and active drive workers.

Raise the October slogan everywhere: "At Least 50 Per Cent of the Quota by Nov. 7!"

County	Quota	Raised	% Raised	Average needed each week at start of Drive	Average now necessary each week
San Mateo	\$ 250	\$148.15	59.2	\$ 14.70	\$ 8.49
Merced	150	70.00	46.6	8.80	6.60
Los Angeles	12500	4232.00	33.8	735.30	647.30
Santa Barbara	350	108.48	31.0	20.60	20.10
San Francisco	7500	2118.89	28.2	441.10	442.50
Monterey	300	83.08	27.6	17.60	18.00
Sonoma	300	81.40	27.0	17.60	18.10
Santa Clara	250	58.25	23.2	14.70	16.00
Alameda	3000	450.21	15.0	176.00	212.50
Stockton	100	14.00	14.0	5.90	7.17
Tulare	100	10.00	10.0	5.90	7.50
San Bernardino	250	24.50	9.8	14.70	19.00
Eureka	250	23.10	9.2	14.70	19.20
San Diego	1000	61.13	6.1	59.00	78.25
Sacramento	500	37.20	5.4	29.40	38.60
Fort Bragg	200	5.00	2.5	11.80	16.25
Utah Section	250	5.00	2.0	14.70	20.40
Miscellaneous	3500	38.00	1.0	203.00	283.00
Contra Costa	250	—	—	14.70	20.80
Fresno	150	—	—	8.80	12.50
Bakersfield	150	—	—	8.80	12.50
Arizona	100	—	—	5.90	8.30
Nevada	100	—	—	5.90	8.30
Washington District	3500	—	—	206.00	291.60
Totals	\$35000	\$7568.39	21.6	\$2060.00	\$2286.00
Yet to be raised	27431.61	78.4			
Quota		\$35000.00	100.0		

Mussolini Grabs at Straw As Hate for Fascism Grows in Italy

Communist Party Gains Among Italian People In Drive to Stop Dictator's Attack on Living Standards

What will Mussolini do next? Will he retreat before the growing unity of the democratic powers? Will he back down before the demands of these powers that he withdraw his "volunteers" from Spain? Or will the Italian despot force France and Britain to arms in order to defend world democracy from the mad dogs of fascism?

These are the questions every newspaper reader in every country is asking today. Questions which cannot be answered without an understanding of the forces motivating the behavior of Mussolini.

Discontent of the Italian people is the most decisive of these forces.

Now loaded in addition with the burdens resulting from the Ethiopian conquest and the present Spanish invasion, the Italian masses are seething against the more than two decades of Fascist oppression. But this is not a new trend of the Italian workers and middle classes, and the growing rebellious spirit has deep-rooted causes.

In former years, Italian Fascist officials were less cautious than now in giving information as to internal conditions of oppressed Italy. For example in the "Corriera della Sera" of March 26, 1932, Signor Biagi, Secretary of the National Confederation of Fascist Syndicates stated in an attempt to convince the big Italian capitalists of the use of force.

One of the tricks of the employers was to dismiss those workers who would benefit by the decree and then to re-engage them immediately afterwards at a lower-grade wage. Thus the Fascist Government pretended to have fulfilled the promises wrung from them by the workers, whilst in reality the employers did not concede anything at all.

Women Battle Prices

The struggle against high prices takes on many forms and often involves the exploited women of Italy. A foreign writer, George Brunett, who recently returned from Italy, describes in "Giustizia e Libertà" the demonstrations of women which he himself witnessed in Florence:

"These demonstrations always begin by a woman crying out about the price of cheese or oil, which is two or three soldi dearer than on the previous day. The woman becomes quite furious, and woe to the gendarme who tries to intervene. If one happens to be in the neighborhood he quietly makes himself scarce and immediately the first woman is supported by a crowd of others who are no less indignant about the unexpected price increase."

These successful struggles of the Italian people against the intolerable economic situation in which they are caught rarely get into the bourgeois news services. This fact is due to the elaborate news censoring apparatus that Mussolini has set up, as disclosed in George Seldes' "Sawdust Caesar."

Communist Slogan Hailed

Under the slogan of the heroic Communist Party of Italy, "Give the Italian people bread and work instead of wasting millions for Franco," the struggle takes on two forms, the fight for higher wages and the battle against high prices.

Soon after the Fascist Government decree announcing these wage increases, the workers started the struggle for its enforcement, as the employers endeavored by all means to sabotage the decree. The Communists actively participated in this struggle; numerous stormy meetings of the workers took place in the factories and in the fascist trade unions, where the workers

What drives the Fascist leaders to distraction is the present mass listening into the anti-fascist radio stations of Spain finally overthrown.

Anti-Fascist Radio

Diary of an American in Spain

How We Captured Fascist Fort Under Enemy's Barrage

Britishers Wary As Fascist Waves White Flag; Description of Town Held By Enemy

By ADDISON KEELER

August 28, 1937.

One of the disadvantages of reporting a battle from the standpoint of a participant in that battle is the fact that you can describe only that small sector in which your own unit operated. It is after the battle, sometimes several days afterward, that you see and talk with friends attached to other companies and battalions and so begin to see the picture as a whole.

Yesterday I described briefly the taking of the fortress on the hill which dominates the City of Quinto and the valley in which it is situated as well as an important highway. Last night my outfit camped again with the 15th Brigade and I was able to pick up some additional details which may be of interest to you.

Horror of War

This must once have been a beautiful and picturesque little Spanish city. That night we found it full of ugliness, the horror of death and destruction. We picked our way through streets which were knee deep in debris from demolished masonry and splintered woodwork, passing now and then dead fascists half buried under the litter. Electric light wires hung in tangles across streets; as we marched, ahead of us fled the sort of stray animals, dogs, cats, horses, mules, sheep and goats.

The town plaza had been the scene of the worst fighting and it was in a building near the plaza that we were quartered for the night. Directly opposite, flames crackled in the upper story of a pharmacy and now and again an explosion would occur as the heat set off a bomb. There were literally hundreds of these fascist bombs in houses throughout the town, as we discovered when a detail of us investigated. The fascists had tunneled through the walls of the buildings so that they could fight from house to house without descending to the streets. Every room facing the square was an arsenal packed with rifles and ammunition, hand grenades and "potato-mashers."

As soon as our artillery lessened

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"An Empty Wagon Rattles the Loudest"

EDWARD D. VANDELEUR wants a bigger puddle. He is tired of being the biggest frog in the murky puddle made for him by the California employers, and wants to extend his field of operations as a No. 1 strikebreaker.

That's the story of the trip made by the State Federation of Labor secretary to the American Federation of Labor convention at Denver. Needless to say, such devotion to the labor-splitting and union-busting campaign of William Green and the AFL executive council, did not go unrewarded. Vandeleur has been named "organizer" on the Pacific Coast to set up a national council of cannery and agricultural "unions."

What the AFL convention is doing, is thus brought home particularly effectively to all West Coast workers. In that convention of outspoken strikebreakers, Vandeleur's threats were outdone by none!

"If the American Federation of Labor will come forward now, in 30 days we can destroy forever the Committee for Industrial Organization in California, Washington and Oregon."

Vandeleur bragged that the State Federation bureaucrats had spent \$100,000—in per capita from AFL workers—to fight the workers in the CIO, and asked for more money from the AFL for the same purpose. He promised to "organize" two-thirds of the 300,000 cannery and agricultural workers on the West Coast within a year.

Benjamin Franklin said: "An empty wagon rattles the loudest."

Vandeleur will not be able to make good his boasts, either to "destroy the CIO" or to "organize" the cannery and agricultural workers.

The voices of the cannery workers at Stockton and Sacramento, the Salinas lettuce workers—brutally beaten and shot in fighting for their rights, only to be betrayed by Vandeleur—will cry out too loudly for this stooge of the employers to fool many more workers.

Vandeleur may sign "agreements" of the yellow dog variety in closed rooms with his friends of the Associated Farmers and the Canners' League, but the workers are demanding real unions and are turning in ever-increasing numbers to the democratic CIO United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America.

Two Congresses to Rally California for Peace

TWO congresses are scheduled in California with a vital bearing on world peace.

They are called together by the American League Against War and Fascism. Appropriately they are called Congresses for Peace and Democracy. One will be held at the Studio Carpenters' Hall in Hollywood next Sunday, Oct. 17, and the other at Scio's Hall in San Francisco a week later, on the 24th.

It must be recognized that neither President Roosevelt's speech, nor the action of the U. S. government in branding Japan as an aggressor, will in themselves guarantee that America will be kept out of the war. But the speech and the action of the government do give the American people a tremendous opportunity to speed the unity of the labor and progressive forces.

These are the forces whose unified mass opinion can make America a force for peace in the world and keep war out of America.

But to put President Roosevelt's speech into action, to mobilize America for cooperation with the peace-loving nations of the world, means at the same time to fight the reactionary forces who would destroy both Democracy within the country and peace without.

William Randolph Hearst led the pack of opponents of the President's speech. The same reactionary forces who led the attack on the social legislation of the New Deal have attacked the proposal for the U. S. to aid the defeat of fascism and militarism abroad.

Vigilantism has run rife in California. The episodes in Imperial and Orange Counties, in Stockton and Salinas, were aimed at destroying the trade unions. The congresses for Democracy and Peace must combat these forces in their efforts for world peace.

Every trade union and progressive organization should elect delegates, and prepare also to support the coming national Congress at Pittsburgh from November 26 to 28.

The way to peace is to unite those forces who want it!

A Joyous Event For All Humanity

TWENTY YEARS ago, on November 7th, the Russian common people united behind the Bolshevik slogans of "All Power to the Soviets," and "Peace, Land and Bread."

They smashed the capitalist government that had held power since March of that year and set up their own government—a Soviet government, a government for the people.

Immediately the capitalist world raised a howl. It sent armies to crush the people's government. It set up lie manufacturing plants at Riga and other cities and launched a campaign of slander and filth against the Soviet people that has not stopped to this day. And it's been howling ever since.

But the Soviet people knew what they wanted and got it. Despite almost insurmountable opposition from the landlords and industrialists within and without the country, they succeeded in building Socialism.

Today, twenty years later, the magnitude of that success is a cause of continuous wonder and astonishment throughout the world. Capitalist governments abuse and vilify the heroes of the Soviet Union, and seek to minimize the stature of their achievement, while the masses of the world's population look more and more toward those achievements as the one promise of happiness.

Today, on the Twentieth Anniversary of the Revolution, the Soviet people are rejoicing in a bumper harvest, a new and democratic constitution, a land freed of exploitation, and a far-reaching program dedicated to a fuller and happier life for everyone.

Today, throughout the capitalist world, millions of workers long for abundance, liberty, and the opportunity to live happily. This is why, on November 7, all over the world these workers will come together to celebrate an occasion which brought these things within their reach.

For today as never before, humanity decides determinedly toward its universal goal—world socialism.

Japan Is Vulnerable; Boycott Japanese Goods

MADE in Japan," says a tiny label on countless thousands of small and large articles sold in this country.

Don't buy these goods.

Buying Japanese goods means to give Japan an economic support to carrying on its murderous invasion of China. It means to strengthen the most dangerous enemy of world peace today.

But no country could be forced more readily to come to terms through a boycott. Japan's foreign trade, in which it can compete in world markets because of the terrifically low wages paid to its workers, is a veritable Achilles heel. Japan is vulnerable. America is one of its biggest markets. Stop that market!

The British trade union movement has already taken action, and has appealed to the American Federation of Labor for the same action. But this boycott must not be confined to the labor movement. It is the responsibility of every individual and group that wants to aid in the campaign for peace today.

Watch for the "made in Japan" label, especially on these products: Cotton tissue and sheeting, cotton yarn, raw silk, silk pongee, silk tissues, knitted goods, canned goods (especially sea foods), pottery and glass, rubber soled and canvas shoes, manufactured light metals, toys, brushes, rubber boots, machine parts, novelties.

Stores will try to sell you Christmas toys from Japan. Refuse them!

Don't buy silk in any form.

Get your organization to take action supporting the boycott! Spread it.

"Don't Buy Japanese Goods" must become an active cry in the fight for peace.

Get the Campaign Out Of the Committee

THE leadership of the San Francisco Labor Council is clearly shirking, or evading, one of the gravest responsibilities it holds from the rank and file of the affiliated unions.

With little more than two weeks remaining before the November 2nd elections, the local unions know virtually nothing of what is being done to defeat the vicious new anti-picket ordinance that is on the ballot.

This means only one thing: that whatever resolutions the top committee entrusted with this responsibility may be passing, it is not carrying on a campaign of any proportions.

Last year the campaign was undemocratic enough. A delegated body from all locals met regularly. It could make suggestions, but could not govern policy. That was entrusted to an appointed committee. Nevertheless, this delegated body did result in making the membership alert and able to carry on a wide and militant campaign.

This year no delegated body of any kind is functioning. Nominally the campaign is directed by the executive boards of the Labor Council and Building Trades Council plus a few additional appointees. The locals are not brought into action. The campaign is virtually buried in committee, so far as official Labor Council activity is concerned.

It is not too late. Before President John F. Shelley left for Long Beach, he made a proposal to revive the delegated body. Do it now!

Further, the Labor Council could strengthen the campaign tremendously by cooperating with two other agencies which are involved in the same campaign: The Honest Government Committee and the CIO Industrial Council.

Make it a joint campaign! Make it a mass campaign! Every union member an active

These Are the Men Who Saved Labor's Unity



SEATED left to right: Jack Price, R. H. McLaughlin, William E. Maher, W. W. Paepels, A. M. Donnelly, Harry Bridges, H. C. Adams and Matt Meehan. Standing, left to right: C. A. Philippi, Pete Garcia, Jack Seahill, Tom Brown, Walter Mahafey, D. C. Mays, Henry Schmidt, Bruce Hamon, George Miller and R. O. Powell. They form the District Executive Board of the ILWU. They met to plan the fight against the recent dock embargo instituted by officials of the Teamsters' Union.

JUSTICE BLACK'S SPEECH AND THE FIGHT ON REACTION

IN ESTIMATING the radio speech of Justice Black, and the renewed fury of almost the entire press against this nomination, the American people cannot lose sight of the basic, really fundamental issues.

The Black case is not an isolated case concerned with the personal history or limitations of Black alone. The Black case is another phase in the deep-seated political struggle which reached such a high pitch in the presidential fight of 1936 between Roosevelt and Landon, and which has continued in various forms up to the present moment.

Behind the anti-Roosevelt drive of the groups which Roosevelt himself has characterized as the "Tories and Lord Macaulays of today," the people can see the hard-bitten multi-millionaire crowd that wants to smash all labor and farm legislation, wreck the social insurance program, dismantle the WPA projects, cut off relief, stop federal housing and junk the whole idea of social legislation.

This clique, with its organization stemming from the duPont-Hearst circles, today takes the lead in all moves designed to terrorize the labor movement and progressive movements of any shade whatsoever in order to protect its privileges and huge fortunes.

Its fight on the Supreme Court proposals of Roosevelt and of Justice Black's appointment is the embodiment of its fight against everything constructive and progressive in American life.

Tory Strategem Against Progressives

In 1936, the American people overwhelmingly rejected the outlook and proposals of these reactionaries. The people rejected by a huge majority the idea of the government protecting the rich in order to help the poor, the idea of "priming the pump," the political platform of Coolidge Hoover and Landon.

In 1936 the people gave the administration a historic mandate against the privileged few, against the clique of inherited wealth and power.

But, having lost the 1936 elections, the Economic Royalists of the giant corporations and big fortunes did not give up the battle. They retreated the better to renew the attack. The Tories of America decided to turn their 1936 defeat into a victory by a series of maneuvers after the elections, and in this way to turn back the tide of social legislation and reform.

The case of Justice Black is another engagement in this historic battle between the multi-millionaire minority and the hard-working, honest majority.

When the Black issue arose, the Daily Worker work of the whole case. It declared in its September 16th issue that "the whole question of Justice Black offers a much-needed opportunity to clarify the fundamental principles of Americanism. Such clarification, if the progressives do not permit the reactionaries to stampede them into pulling their chestnuts out of the fire, can greatly help in wiping reactionary influence from American lives. Justice Black can contribute toward this end by repudiating in unmistakable terms his past connection with the Klan and by making clear his present position. The progressives—the whole American people—await the answer."

Now that Black has spoken, how evaluate his speech?"

He admitted membership in the Klan—an ignoble admission to have to make. But he disavowed allegiance to the principles of Klanism, to the bigotry aimed against Negro, Jew and Catholic. He pledged support for the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution, and all the rights of American citizens. That was the positive side

Tories Aim to Block Court Reform

The strategy of the gang that was defeated in 1936 is concentrated on killing the Supreme Court reform. If they can retain the present court, then the McReynolds, Butlers, Sutherlands, and Hughes, will be in a position to knife the mandate which the people gave the Administration for a new program of Federal social legislation.

Hence their fury in the Black case. With the Black issue, the Tories hope to confuse and disorganize the people's movement, they hope to befuddle the liberal opinion of the country, and trick it into the camp of reaction.

In gunning for Black, the Tories of the Wall Street offices are gunning for the coming fight in Congress on court reform, social legislation and civil liberty. They want to kill such measures as the wage and hour bill, farm legislation; they want to smother the LaFollette investigation of vigilanteism. The Black issue is the camouflage of their attack.

It is the same enemy as 1936—but with a liberal mask on. It is the same as when Hitler used the mask of "Socialism" to foist fascism on the German people.

The American people recognize the enemy in 1936—they were not tricked then. They must not be tricked and close their ranks as never before against the latest schemings of their enemy, which knows how to disguise itself so shamelessly.

The political struggles of the hour, with reaction on the offensive, what can guarantee the realization of the people's mandate and the protection of civil liberties? An American People's Front, gathering all of labor, the farm folk, the middle-class, the progressives in every walk of American life, into a united movement for social progress. In the fight on the court issue that must be the lesson and the goal of our efforts.

As We See It

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN

Calif. State Secretary, Communist Party

When History Is Written

THE Law and Order program is founded in a spirit of love for our city, a recognition of the wonderful opportunity of her people, and a belief in her great destiny. The Law and Order program insists upon respect for the Constitution of the United States, a respect so deep that it may not with impunity be assailed, and it insists upon respect for the American flag and all it represents of the spirit of human liberty."

The above-quoted phrases of sanctimonious hypocrisy are not from a statement of the American Liberty League or the Republican Party. They come from the "Law and Order Program adopted by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce in 1916, which proudly boasted that they put the infamous anti-picketing ordinance on the city's statute books in that year, where it stood for 20 years.

Draped in the Flag

What were the high and noble principles that the "Law and Order" Committee of 100 stood for at that time? This is a verbatim quotation from their printed program: "Board of Directors of San Francisco Chamber of Commerce declare war for open shop. The declaration of policy included the following principles: (1) A demand for the integrity of contractual relations. (2) The maintenance of law and order. (3) The principle of the open shop."

So the vigilantes of those days wrapped themselves up in the American flag, and indulged in flights of poetic oratory to describe their war against labor to maintain the sacred principles of the open shop. What has all this, which happened in 1916, got to do with 1937?

Because the names heading that "Law and Order Committee" sound strangely familiar! Frederick J. Koster, Herbert Fleishacker, William H. Crocker were on that committee in 1916. All three of them are also on the notorious "Committee of 43" set up by the San Francisco Industrial Association to carry on their war against the maritime unions and the CIO, and were behind the recent ill-fated attempt to blockade the waterfront. Other names on the 1916 committee which have a familiar ring: A. P. Giannini, Captain William Matson, Captain Robert Dollar, J. D. Spreckels. Bankers, industrialists, shipowners!

Behind Present Vigilantism

Is it too much to assume that the people who put the anti-picketing ordinance on the statute books in 1916, are behind the present campaign to place a more vicious ordinance on the books, after the people of San Francisco repealed the 20-year-old ordinance in the May, 1937, elections?

The "Law and Order" Committee of 1916 boasted of other "achievements" besides the anti-picketing ordinance. They were behind the Mooney frame-up. They drove the striking longshoremen back to work under the open shop. They broke the culinary workers' strike in the same year. Their report proudly boasts: "Members of the Culinary Crafts Strike and Restaurant Men's Association Declares for the Open Shop. Finally Breaking the Strike." They broke the structural steel workers' strike under open shop conditions. They broke the Bay and River Boatmen's strike under open-shop conditions. They would do the same today if they could, these "first citizens" of San Francisco.

Today, these employer-interests are behind the attempted revival of vigilantism in California. A war chest is being raised by the bankers and growers of Sonoma County. Similar activities are reported from Southern California. They are blood brothers of the nationwide vigilante movement organized by the Johnstown, Pa., "Citizens' Committee," the steel barons who murdered the steel strikers. The fact that the "Law and Order" crusaders of 1916 are today forced to sign agreements with unions is not because they have changed their labor-hating philosophy.

Handle Workers With Bullets

Their pious talk about "the integrity of contractual relations" was exploded when they shot their eyes to the deliberate attempt of the Teamsters Union czars, Beck and McLaughlin, to paralyze the port of San Francisco and starve the longshoremen and warehousemen. No outcry about the Teamsters Union "violating contracts" then!

The patriotic high-mindedness of San Francisco's "first citizens" can be judged by the oft-quoted statement of Captain Robert Dollar that the way to handle labor is with bullets! Or the premature exultation of the late and unlamented Wm. H. Crocker, after the San Francisco General Strike:

"The strike is the best thing that ever happened to San Francisco. It's solving the labor problem for years to come, perhaps forever. When this nonsense is out of the way and the men have been driven back to their jobs

THAT DAILY PAPER

Monterey Front!
Socialist Competition
Victory in November
Strange Interlude

San Francisco Drive Notes

FLASH—Laborer's Unit of San Francisco fulfilled its quota of \$100.00. Eighty per cent of the day's pay has been collected. They pledge to raise another \$100.00, which means they will double their quota.

The meeting of all drive directors of San Francisco held Saturday, October 9th, pledged to have 40 per cent of San Francisco's quota in by Saturday, October 15th. That means by next Saturday they will have turned in \$3,000.00. To date they have turned in \$2218.90.

The Industrial Section has raised 30 per cent of its quota.

The waterfront has turned in 23 per cent of its quota.

BANG! Just like that out of a clear sky, MONTEREY COUNTY sent in \$47.93 to jump its percentage to 27 per cent in the County Standings. Comrade E. MILLER at Santa Cruz is the Drive manager. The SANTA CRUZ comrades, by the way, are doing just about the best single work in the State, and not barring little Alameda City Unit, either.

(Which brings the thought: "What happened to Alameda City, anyway?")

The Winner?

WHICH County will win the AB Dick Auto Feed Mimeograph Machine? As the Drive gets under way, the competition for this valuable addition to any county's technical equipment is bound to get hotter than hot. Right now, SAN FRANCISCO, MERCED, MONTEREY and SANTA BARBARA seem to be the chief contestants. And that brings us to . . .

WHICH unit or branch will also win one of these mimeograph machines by doing the best work in the Drive? So far, there aren't many outstanding units or branches (at least we don't know of any) who have entered the competition. Won't it be too bad if the State Drive Committee has to return an auto-feed mimeo machine because no Communist unit or branch in the State thought it worth working for? And that gets us to an announcement.

WATCH FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE "WESTERN" ABOUT THE BIG PRIZES IN THE SOCIALIST COMPETITION FOR INDIVIDUAL PRESS BUILDERS.

Confidence

BIG NEWS of this issue is that SAN MATEO COUNTY is definitely planning to hold a Victory Dinner on THANKSGIVING DAY, which means that they are certain of completing their quota by then. They have challenged SANTA CLARA to complete their quota by the same time.

WHOA! HOLD ON! We just got through telling you that no outstanding units in the state had entered the competition for the Mimeo award to the best unit. So right now comes a letter from SAN MATEO COUNTY which states that Unit No. 3 down there has ALREADY COMPLETED ITS QUOTA BY 104 PER CENT AND IS GOING RIGHT AHEAD FULL STEAM! We take it all back and give you SAN MATEO No. 3 as the leading contender for the best unit award.

MORE from SAN MATEO. The Menlo Park Unit put on a "Chicken Breakfast" dinner Sunday, the 10th. Haven't heard how it made out yet. South City will put on a house party Oct. 16th and a unit picnic follows immediately on the 17th. Then Redwood City No. 1 gives a dinner and Hallowe'en Party on the mystic night and the county puts on a public mass meeting November 7th. Then, as we told you before, the County puts on an "OVER THE TOP" dinner with turkey as the piece de resistance on Nov. 21st. The letter from SAN MATEO continues:

"The SAN MATEO-BURLINGAME UNIT, consisting of a majority of trade union comrades, is the thorn in our sides, as they are the only ones who have not set any plans as yet. We feel confident of fulfilling our pledge by Thanksgiving Day, and SANTA CLARA is going to have to step on it if they are to beat us."

WHAT ABOUT IT, SAN MATEO-BURLINGAME COMRADES? Are you, by your lack of interest and work in the Drive, going to lose your county a chance to get that mimeograph machine?

Strange Interlude

THE OTHER DAY a shiny, sleek limousine drew up before 121 Haight. The chauffeur leaped out, opened the door for a pleasant-faced lady who promptly entered the Western Worker office.

"Can I get," she asked diplomatic Mary Wright, Western Worker "Front" Office girl. "Some copies of that issue of your paper with the story about Mr. Fleishfacker in it?"

"Most certainly," said Mary. "How many do you want?"

The lady from the limousine bought 12 copies and asked if more could be obtained if she wanted them. Upon being assured there were plenty, she asked the subscription rate to the "Western."

Then, having finished her business, she left the office. The trim chauffeur leaped out to open the door, closed it after her and the shiny, sleek limousine purred away.

Gosh, don't ask me . . . your guess is as good as mine.

Eaton Dies to Save Humanity

Belchite, Spain
Sept. 9, 1937.

Dear Comrades,

The battle of Belchite is over and our eyes are turned towards Zaragoza — a Fascist "stronghold."

Belchite is just one of those cities along with Quinto, Codo, Fuertes, Medina, that bowed down to the anti-fascists troops that were determined to sweep all places clean in the campaign on Zaragoza.

The 15th International Brigade fulfilled every step of its mission and won glory and honor for the anti-fascist populations that sent them to Spain.

The American Battalions and sections of Americans in Spanish Battalions won a cherished spot in the hearts of the Spanish soldiers and people in all these engagements. The folks in America who still love the traditions of 1776 will be proud of their boys who perpetuated America's great traditions. The fire of determination that animated our boys in action proves that America's Fascists, wherever and whenever they show their faces will get a beating such as no other fascists ever received.

A Great American

Working people of California—I shout aloud—one of your best sons was killed—Henry Eaton of Los Angeles—he was a great American with the spirit of a John Brown—a fighter, honest, calm—with a great regard for his fellow-men.

I just read in the Daily Worker that his mother joined the Communist Party. That is the spirit of Henry Eaton.

Mother Eaton — we deeply mourn your loss and our loss, but just as Henry Eaton did, we will keep our heads up and FIGHT until our enemy is vanquished. Henry kept a wonderfully consistent diary, which we are sending his mother. I hope the diary will be recorded in the Western daily and from all signs, there will be a DAILY WESTERN—that would be California's best answer for our Henry Eaton.

Henry and I established a friendship on the Center Madrid Front, seeing as how we are both from California and always looking for the Western Front. I was then in the Lincoln and in the Washington Battalion, but after the Center Front battles, our Battalions merged. In the preparations for the campaign on Zaragoza, an experiment was under way of putting an American Company into a Spanish Battalion (The 24th Battalion).

Of Leninist Mold

Henry was put in charge of political work and I was placed in military command of this American Company and especially from that time I was able to experience the comradeship of a man, such as only the teachings of Lenin could mold—but I always felt that his mother had a great influence on him, because he had many attributes long before he ever heard of Lenin.

In the special bombing parties at Quinto, we volunteered, together with 8 others. There was no fear in his eyes—he was always conscious of his convictions. Death meant nothing.

Outside of Belchite, our American Company was given the duty of making an open attack at one point of the city. We didn't go 25 feet before a bullet ended Eaton's life instantly. The effectiveness of the enemy's fire was so obvious that we retired. That evening a few comrades went out and placed Henry on a stretcher and brought him in.

A Grave Is Dug

A grave was dug, and during the day I inscribed appropriate words on a wooden slab. Ten minutes before night attack on Belchite we held services for Henry Eaton. The services were closed with these remarks that we name our Company the HENRY EATON company and the outskirts of that flank. To-

Charts for Teaching Labor



BECAUSE the eye is older than the spoken word, speakers find that ideas stay fixed in the mind of an audience better if accompanied by visual impression. This chart helps the speaker make his points on the need for labor unions. It has been very successful in organization drives. Many others of a similar nature have been prepared by the Visual Education Press, 840 Broadway, New York City. They are accompanied by outlines and instruction and deal with co-ops, American monopolies, agriculture and labor history.

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that we pledge to CARRY ON. With our heads unbarred we raised our hands in an anti-fascist Salud—PASERAMOS.

Our company did its work well that evening. The next day we charged up the hill in one of the

To the Mother of Henry Eaton

Dear Comrade:

It is with the deepest sorrow and regret that we bring you the news of the death of your beloved son Henry on the Saragossa Front in Spain.

The news has come to us in a letter from a well-known Party comrade in California, Carl Bradley, a copy of which letter we are attaching herewith.

Henry died fighting—fighting courageously, giving his young life for a battle to save humanity and the world.

Our whole party in California has suffered a real loss. We mourn this loss, together with you, his mother.

Comradely yours,
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

most spectacular advances, reached our point and gave battle—dead and seven wounded. The action of our company so inspired the Spanish Battalion with the idea of advance and storm that several hours later they stormed the place and all together we bombed and fired the fascists away and took

At point x our Company took to side doors and houses and throwing bombs ahead we cleared the fascists away and took

Here our company was able to employ good street fighting methods. We built timely barricades in the right location and guarded them well. During the day we were sent to attack the fascist barricade, because the "F Street" was an important point.

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Here we are in a new experience in reading. As good a thriller as you may want, dealing with labor and for labor.

Mr. Wormser knows how to develop a plot, how to pack 148 pages with action, how to weave in a good love story.

The story is developed on the background of vigilante-ridden, coal baron-controlled Ware County. The struggle of the two forces—the union, which evolves

the Guggenheims, of the first

generation, remembering the op-

pression and persecution of the

Jews, would undoubtedly have

acted differently in the Lead-

ville, Colorado, miners' strike of

particular interest. The employ-

ers have perfected their strike-

breaking methods considerably

since those days. They used the

same general methods of import-

ing seafs, starving out the work-

ers, instituting the black list,

organizing vigilantes (called "de-

puties"—at the cost of the coun-

ties), using plenty of shot gun

shells—but all very crudely.

Foreign Agitators

It was because of the unbearable

inhuman conditions under

which the miners in the Gug-

genheim mines had to live that

too many of them, one out of

every four died from one cause

or another—consumption, acci-

dent, etc. Because of these con-

ditions the miners joined the

I. W. W. and were called "foreign

agitators," a label that enabled

the governor to send in the

militia and beat them down.

In the chapter "Silver Prince"

the first para-

graph sums up the law making

of the day:

"In those cozy days when the

United States Senate was dubbed

the choicest millionaires' club in

America and when its seats were

auctioned off in the most venal

legislatures like hams at a county

fair, it was not presumptuous that

Simon Guggenheim, western vice-

royal for the great mining and

smelting family, should aspire to

be a senator."

Bonds of Nationality

Then as now, the working class

was fooled into voting for capi-

talists running for senateships

by their fine promises. Simon

Guggenheim took his seat in the

United States Senate. And he

protected the big interests all the

time he was there.

Modern settings, artistically

designed by John Friedman, feature

an effect of a huge micro-

scope through which "the in-

sects" are seen.

Eddison von Ottenfeld, the

conductor of the off-stage orches-

tra, has written an excellent

original score for the play.

It is scheduled to run until

October 24, as the third work

in the Federal Theatres cycle

of international playwrights.

The book is not only the saga

of the Guggenheims. It covers

COPS FREED WHO STRUCK SMALL BOY

Judge Acquits Police After Fifty Eye-Witnesses Press Charges

LOS ANGELES—Nine witnesses testified today in Judge Oda Faulconer's Court that Inglewood Motorcycle Policeman Harold Witty knocked a 16 year old boy unconscious without provocation.

Two witnesses testified that it was not Witty but his sidekick, Officer George Sibits who hit the boy.

Judge Faulconer decided that "because some of the witnesses declared it was Witty and part of them said it was the other officer, George Sibits who struck the boy, Dan Johnston, the prosecution did not prove a prima facie case. There was no doubt the boy was hit, but I could not legally place the blame upon Officer Witty in the face of the evidence."

Crowd Reports Cops

Witty was acquitted.

Both cops testified they had not touched the boy at any time though all the witnesses agreed the boy had been knocked down by one of them.

The incident occurred on the Venice pier last September 2nd. More than fifty people were there when it happened. The crowd was so indignant when the boy was knocked down that nine eyewitnesses went right down to the Venice police station and offered to tell what they saw.

All the witnesses agreed that the boy had said nothing to insult or injure the officers. It saw the officer riding the roller seems that he laughed when he coaster.

Exemptions Fought By Radio Operators

SAN FRANCISCO—Hearings on the attempts of 37 Pacific Coast shipping firms to get exemption from national and international law requiring radio operators on coast-wise vessels, started Monday before the Federal Communications Commission in the Post Office Bldg.

Radio operators are now working under agreements renewed recently to September 30, 1939, providing for the carrying of a radio operator during the life of the agreement, stated Roy Pyle, chairman of the CIO Communication Workers Organizing Committee.

Anti-Labor Attempt

"If the companies are successful in their plea for exemption, when the American Radio Telegraphists Assn. present contract expires, a new one will not be negotiated," said Pyle.

"Shipowners will take the position that radio operators will work for the owner's price and under conditions imposed by the owner or no operator will be carried."

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Disabled Canadian Vets In Drive for War Bonus

Official Charges Canadian Legionnaires Being Duped By duPont Interests

SAN FRANCISCO—"The imperial governments can scrape up \$350 easy enough to put a soldier on the front, but they can't seem to scrape up \$2,000 for these soldiers after the war is over. That's damn inconsistent."

The speaker was Irvine C. Poole, president of the "Disabled Veterans Association" at 995 Market street. He is the head of an organization of Canadian Veterans which is spreading rapidly among the estimated 46,000 Canadian Veterans in California.

State Aims

The sole aim of the organization, according to Poole, is to see that the vets get the \$2000 promised each veteran by the McKenzie Government in 1919. Poole charged that the head of the Canadian Legion, Alex Ross, now on a "good will trip" in Nazi Germany, is entirely dominated by the duPont International Nickel Company and is consequently against the Veterans' receiving their bonus although he is the supposed head of the main Canadian veterans' organization.

Canadian veterans in the United States have never received any compensation for their service overseas as have the American soldiers. Roy Lumsden, a member of the Longshore and Warehousemen's Union inquiring at the Disabled Veterans' office stated that there were at least 1000 waterfront workers in the Bay Region who had been promised pensions by the Canadian Government.

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One of the policies of the Association is to raise the bonus by taxing nickel, paper and pulp. Especially would the first industry yield large tax returns with the huge quantity of nickel now being sold to Japan by Canadian capitalists.

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Equal Match, 'Goon' Style

Lightweight CIO Leader Is Attacked in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO — Robert Gray, 25, Teamster "officials' goon," six feet two inches, weight 198 pounds:

Emile Rabih, business agent of CIO United Cleaners & Dyers, five feet three inches, weight 138 pounds!

However, in spite of the unequal match, when Gray attempted to "put the boots to" Rabin late Saturday night, the CIO leader vigorously defended himself when his car, in which he and his wife were riding, was forced to the curb by a car containing Gray and Chester Vienot, business agent of the dual AFL "union."

In self-defense, Rabin grabbed a souvenir swordfish bone from his car and struck Gray on the head. Rabin suffered a black eye.

Police refused to arrest Vienot and Gray. Vienot already has an assault charge hanging over him as a result of his pulling a knife on two CIO pickets, one a woman.

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Pedro Stevedores Get CIO Charter

SAN PEDRO — At a mass meeting of over 2000 members, the Longshoremen received their CIO charter here last week, becoming a local of the Int'l. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union.

The meeting convened as ILA 38-82, then adjourned and excused the officers from the room and reconvened as an open session. Henry Schmidt, president of ILWU Local 10 of San Francisco then installed the charter.

Named president pro-tem of the local, Ernie Bowen said demands would be presented to the Waterfront Employers Assn. for recognition of the CIO local as sole bargaining agency for longshoremen.

The technicalities of the meeting were arranged to circumvent a court action instituted by a handful of longshoremen trying to keep the workers out of the CIO.

"I conferred with Edward Vandeleur and his associates from California and the Pacific Coast," Green announced solemnly, "and arranged to set up a National Council of Cannery and Agricultural Workers.

"I was surprised to learn that the potential membership of such a council is so large. There are 3,000,000 agricultural workers, I am told, who can be organized."

The "Amazed" Mr. Green

Green expressed himself as "amazed" at the numbers of agricultural and cannery workers in the country, and also was "surprised" to learn, he said, that 95 per cent of the nation's lettuce is grown in the Salinas area. Again he was amazed at the amount of fruit, vegetable, growing, agriculture and cannery operations in that region."

This back fire against the CIO International Union of Agricultural and Cannery Workers will begin on the Pacific Coast, "and then will spread to the rest of the country," Green declared.

"No Vigilantes!"

Vigilantes do not exist in California, according to the "amazed" William Green. Green queried in view of the lawlessness of the vigilantes in previous rural workers' strikes in California.

Green asserted that Vandeleur did not report any vigilante activities whatsoever.

"In fact," said Green, "the local authorities seem to be sympathetic to the American Federation of Labor."

Then Green announced that the executive council had decided at a meeting Saturday afternoon to put Edward D. Vandeleur, notorious for his activities in the San Francisco general strike of 1934, in charge of the drive among the rural workers and against the CIO there.

It further stated: "In the analysis if the labor policies of the Metropolitan Water District Board have resulted in the denial of modern rights of collective bargaining and in brutal violence in the process, the guilt rests squarely upon the voters of the AFL and William Randolph Hearst in Los Angeles, Green replied that "the filing of a peti-

Gov. Martin's 'Charge' Based on '1-Act Play'

Bridges Exposes 'Proof' in Revived Deportation Threat

SAN FRANCISCO—Last June Harry Bridges and other maritime leaders at the Maritime Federation convention in Portland, discovered a dictaphone planted in Bridges' hotel room; they staged a hilarious "one act play" for the benefit of the dictaphone, with newspapermen as audience.

Last week Governor Charles H. Martin of Oregon announced he had obtained proof "right here in Oregon" that Bridges is a Communist, and demanded deportation of the Pacific Coast CIO Director.

Manufactured "Proof"

Last Saturday in San Francisco, Bridges replied:

"I shall be greatly interested in any so-called proof touching on my citizenship which Governor Martin may have in his possession. After four years of attempting to manufacture such evidence, it will be interesting to see what sort of 'proof' they have finally produced. We have affidavits in our possession which conclusively prove attempts have been made to have men perjure themselves.

"If Governor Martin would spend only a small portion of his time seeing that the National Labor Relations Act is enforced in his state, his labor difficulties would vanish overnight.

"Some time ago when I was attending the Maritime Federation convention in Portland, a dictaphone was planted in the room next to mine with a hole bored in the wall. Sneak thieves entered my room and went through my belongings. We were aware of the dictaphone long before we reported it to the hotel manager.

"Words and Music"

"We called in some newspapermen and spent an evening of good, clean fun staging a one-act play which must have given the snoopers plenty to talk about. As I said, we called in the newspapermen so we have plenty of witnesses."

"We are in the unique position of having written both the words and music for the song that the governor sings."

Considerable confusion exists regarding the issue. An aggressive radio campaign is being waged by the Carmen's Union, division 1004, against the subway, while the Central Labor Council, following the lead of the Tunnel Workers' Union, has voted by a narrow margin to support the proposal.

Much Confusion

Business and Industrial interests are divided. The bankers, building material manufacturers, and big contracting interests are rallied in support of the subway bonds. Against these interests are ranged the realty groups, building and apartment house owners' associations, civic and improvement clubs, and, of course, the Market Street Railway Company. Progressive and reactionary interests alike are to be found in each camp.

SEATTLE, Wash.—The recruiting drive of the Communist Party of District 12 is going forward with a bang.

When the drive started on Sept. 1, the District had 1170

controlled members. By October 1, 350 new members had been recruited, and 73 old members brought back into the Party.

Compared to 217 recruited in the months of June, July and August, 423 were thus recruited in the month of September alone.

The goal of 800 new members by November 1 thus seems sure of achievement.

Incidentally, dues payments have increased from 1320 in Au-

gust to 1700 in September.

Gains in the drive include:

Grays Harbor section (lumber)

membership increased from 94 to 170.

Coeur D'Alene (mining and lumber)—increased from 7 to 25.

Bellingham (lumber)—increas-

ed from 39 to 56.

Yakima (agricultural and lumber)—increased from 7 to 16.

King County (Seattle)—In-

creased from 602 to 730.

Bay Communists Choose Leadership

Election of an executive com-

mittee and discussion of the

daily Western Worker drive

featured the special meeting of

the new Alameda County Com-

mittee of the Party last Tuesday, October 5th.

Following strict democratic

procedure, including secret bal-

lot, the county committee com-

posed of elected delegates from

Methodist Ministers Score
Laundry Co. In San Diego.

WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

Hollywood Workers Fighting Attempt at Dictatorship

PRESS SILENT ON MINISTERS' STRIKE PROBE

Methodists' Stand on San
Diego Laundry Strike
Is Censored

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN DIEGO—In an enclosing a copy of a letter that was sent to all three daily papers in San Diego, The Sun, Union and Tribune, by the Methodist Ministers Assn., and none of the three would print it. I will give you the main points:

The workers at the Pullman Laundry have been out on strike for two months. The strike was forced by the laundry when the union president and two other active union members were fired. The president of the union was offered a raise in pay before he was fired if he would quit the union. When he was fired all 27 workers in the laundry walked out with him.

Employers United
The Laundrymen's Assn. is financing the fight against the union and are determined to break the union before it gets firmly established. They secured a temporary restraining injunction, limiting the number of pickets at the plant and placing other restrictions to hinder the strike. The hearing for a permanent injunction is now being held with a battery of high-priced lawyers from Los Angeles representing the laundry.

The Methodist letter follows:

Formed Committee
Several weeks ago our attention was called to the fact that during the strike now going on against the Pullman Laundry, a Labor paper, "Labor's Voice" suggested that there be formed a committee of three impartial ministers for the mediation of the differences existing between the employers and the strikers.

Two Methodist ministers of San Diego, learning that mediation was agreeable to the strikers, went to Mr. Haniman of the Pullman Laundry to suggest that the mediation plan be used. Mr. Haniman said that he had turned the matter over to the Laundrymen's Assn. and hence was not free to act without consulting them. This he promised to do and also promised to notify the two ministers.

Ten days passed and no word came from Mr. Haniman. The matter was then brought to the attention of the Methodist ministers of San Diego County, meeting in a regular monthly meeting. A committee of three ministers was selected to approach Mr. Haniman on behalf of the Methodist Ministers Assn. and make another appeal for mediation with the strikers.

Bosses Didn't Answer

The Committee called on Mr. Haniman and again appealed for the adoption of a mediation plan. Mr. Haniman and another man present in the laundry office said that they did not personally desire to mediate but they agreed to present the plan to the Laundrymen's Assn. and then send the answer to the ministers within a few days. Mr. Haniman stated that if the majority of the Association were willing for him to mediate, he would abide by that decision.

"On the same day the ministers also sent a letter to Mr. Haniman so that he would have in written form the questions of the ministerial committee. The visit and mailing of the letter were September 13. No answer has been received.

"We do not presume to pass judgment on the affair. We frankly admit that we do not know all the facts involved. But in the interest of better harmony in the community and justice to both employer and employee, it is our conviction that the case should be submitted to some neutral group, agreeable to both sides of the controversy.

Church Position

"The Methodist Church stands for the right of employees and employers alike to organize." This has been the position of our church for 30 years. In this present strike, one side is strongly organized, while the other side is endeavoring to organize and apparently is being denied the opportunity to meet with the employers for bargaining purposes.

"In the interest of fair play and justice, we believe that both sides should submit their differences to a board of mediation.

Frank S. Williams,

E. J. Evans,

W. J. Sherman."

Endorsement of this letter was given by a special meeting on September 28.

Highway Workers

WASHINGTON—The Highway Workers of Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, have been chartered as Local 83 by the CIO State, County & Municipal Workers.

Mendocino Lumber Workers Ended Up Owing Contractor

Three Loggers Worked Like Slaves Under Intolerable Conditions and Were Robbed in Rank Overcharging for Food

By a Logger

FORT BRAGG, Mendocino County—We of the Pesula bark camp located on Union Lumber Co. land near Camp 3, recently experienced a terrible and costly example of the practice of hiring on a padded contract basis.

Hired out through Jack Etzel of Pop Marshall's pool hall at \$6 per cord (paid off at \$4.50 per cord), three of us worked like slaves under intolerable conditions—walking two and five-tenths miles morning and evening, chopping trees, peeling bark and swamping bark on ground so steep a mountain goat would resign, fighting the most blood-thirsty mosquitoes north of the equator every evening, consequently getting little sleep.

Real Discomfort

Our food was cooked over an open camp fire while flies, ants, beetles, dust, bits of twigs, trees and other filth constituted the main seasoning thereof. We slept jungle fashion; while centipedes, scorpions, woodrats, skunks and other varmints shared our blankets by night and day. Nothing unusual to shake a belated scorpion out of a shoe every other morning.

We swamped bark with mules—one outlaw from the Willits Rodeo, one decrepit oldster who had seen 36 rheumatic summers, one very young and untrained. Later we had the good men who did more than all three of these chicken feeders.

Luck Protected Boy

We were charged 50 cents per day for these animals plus feed costs by our bighearted employer. One boy aged 15 worked

"Support the Soviet Union!"

By a Worker Correspondent
FORT BRAGG, Mendocino County—Patrick Henry said "Give me liberty or give me death." Today workers face the actual fact of liberty or death.

If the Soviet Union ceases to exist or is destroyed, the workers, the common people of the world, face death. By war, starvation, murder and misery the workers will be destroyed by their heartless, greed-crazed, barbarous masters unless they support and sustain the Socialist regime in Russia—the great workers' nation.

Not only in the Soviet Union but in Spain, China and Mexico the workers are gaining great victories. Let us say "Up with the calloused hands," let the calloused hands rule the world they create and sustain. Let us support the calloused-hands class over the world!

ILWU Is Sponsoring News Commentary

SAN FRANCISCO—"Be informed" is the slogan of LABOR ON THE MARCH, news commentary program sponsored by the Int'l. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, joint publicity committee, over station KGGC. Starting Friday, October 15, it will be on the air five nights a week, Monday through Friday, 6:30 to 6:45 p.m. The program is also being broadcast this Thursday, October 14, same hour.

WORKER EXPOSES HEARST "EXPOSE" ON WAGE SCALES NOW BEING PAID ON WPA

By a WPA Worker

LOS ANGELES—"Dole or a job?" is the question the Hearst Herald reporter put to eight WPA workers here. Their answers are given in the October 1 issue.

This is a summary: B. Matthews, attorney, formerly made \$200 a month, on WPA he makes \$65; H. A. Glassner, contractor, formerly \$200, WPA \$85; D. Briggs, steel worker, formerly \$250, now \$85; L. Kelsey, insurance, formerly \$225, now \$130; W. Manns, accountant, formerly \$300, now \$85; A. Wasgatt, accountant, formerly \$200, now \$90; C. Flesher, saleswoman, formerly \$120, now \$55; L. Stephens, secretary, formerly \$120, now \$80.

Average made in private industry: \$202; on WPA: \$87. Average wage of the three workers on the list: \$147; on WPA: \$75.

That is, the women on the WPA are making a trifling over 50 per cent of what they did formerly and the men are making a trifling over 50 per cent of what they made on private jobs. But the great bulk of men

haulied in our bark—and found we owed our boss \$16 for all this misery and work. We three men ate \$7 worth of food per day, so we ought to be so fat we can live all winter without eating any more.

We saved all our tags, we have witnesses, we know we have been robbed—but Pesula's father is supervisor—Jake, the contractor a friend of the city Dads, lawyers, Union Lumber Co. officials, and county officials.

Somehow the wheels of justice seem clogged and need greasing—and Jake supplies the grease.

Need Union

The labor commissioner is apparently as helpless as a cat in Hades without claws, so we are drifting again into a hard winter moneyless, hopeless, and friendless, while our boss raises hell with our hard-earned money spending it on booze and women.

Let us make bacon of the fat money hogs and put the rest in the "pen" where they belong—that will make the world safe for Democracy—the rule of the real people who render all the service and need everything produced.

Ended Owing Boss

We completed our contract and

LONGSHORE LEADER STATES STAND FOR PEOPLE OF CHINA

Henry Schmidt Writes Letter
to 'China Defense' Organ

By a Chinese Worker

SAN FRANCISCO—The following statement was issued by Henry Schmidt, president of the Int'l. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, Local 1-10, for publication in the "China Defense," a united anti-Japanese front organ in Chinese:

"Here on the Pacific Coast, the longshoremen, the sailors and the other unions forming the Maritime Federation, have made clear their position with regard to fascism and war. We have not hesitated to condemn Mussolini's invasion of Ethiopia, and on one occasion the longshoremen refused to work a ship loaded with scrap iron destined for the fascist munitions factories.

"At the last convention of the Federation, a resolution was passed condemning the fascist invasion by Hitler and Mussolini of republican Spain, and as is well known to the public, many maritime workers are fighting in the ranks of the Lincoln Battalion, in the vanguard of the struggle against fascist dictatorships.

Stands Against Fascism

"The fascist armies of Japan are at present engaged in murdering innocent civilians in China. This ruthless and insane aggression has aroused the indignation of trade unionists, intellectuals, and progressive people all over the world. The recent uncompromising condemnation made by President Roosevelt at Chicago is a case in point.

"As a loyal trade unionist, concerned with the growth and progress of the Maritime Federation, I cannot but take my position with the defenders of peace and democracy. Like the other fascist dictatorships, Japan stands before the world as a criminal. The trade unions in Japan are under the heel of militarists.

"I feel confident that, as a democratic trade union, I am only reflecting the sentiment of the members of the ILWU when I declare my sympathies for China in her fight against Japan."

The "China Defense" editorial committee has a temporary mail address at 870 Jackson St.

L. A. Workers' Order Hike Western Quota

LOS ANGELES—\$156.00 has been raised by the International Workers Order in Los Angeles toward their quota of \$150.00 for a Daily Western Worker. Out of 20 branches only four have turned in any funds, these four being of the Jewish section. Branch 58 turned in \$70.00; Br. 79, \$45.00; Br. 141, \$25.00; and Br. 204, \$16.00.

POTASH CO. AGAIN TRIES BRIBE TRICK

But 19 Atolia Men Stand Solid With Their CIO Union

By a Worker Correspondent

ATOLIA, San Bernardino County—The American Potash & Chemical Co. is again attempting to frustrate justice by trying to bribe the 19 men ordered reinstated by the National Labor Relations Board.

Mr. Robinson of the Trona Co. is visiting each man individually with a promise of a "handsome cash settlement" for the men who will resign their jobs immediately on being reinstated.

"Pedro Pete" Jailed

In collaboration with American Federation of Labor officials, the company previously attempted to "buy off" the 19 union men. One "Pedro Pete" Peterson, an AFL racketeer, was turned down cold when he approached the men to "sell out" to the company. Mr. Simpson of the American Potash & Chemical Co. admitted conferring with Peterson, but denied complicity in the bribery plot.

This interesting struggle to improve conditions started about two years ago. Confronted by a company union which served only to protect the interests of the employer, these workers realized the necessity for a bona fide labor union. Having witnessed the futility of negotiating with a company through frightened committees who might be fired for their impudence, they turned to the AFL.

AFL Heads Aided Boss

On receiving their charter, 19 of the men were discharged. This group went to the agencies of justice for defense of their constitutional rights. Being thus placed on the spot, the company and the AFL officials collaborated in squashing the charges.

Aware of the fact they were being sold out by their own AFL representatives, the men turned to the CIO where every able and legal assistance was placed at their disposal.

Case Won

With this willing and capable cooperation the case was fought through to a successful conclusion. A charter of the CIO Industrial Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers has been granted to the employees who have stood by this courageous men who fought this battle for workers' rights.

With the support of the powerful CIO standing behind them, there can be but one ultimate conclusion.

Offers Help to Any Old People Denied Penson

CORONA DEL MAR, Orange County—To the worker correspondent from an upstate ranch—after reading in the Western Worker about those old people who can't prove their age to get the old age pensions I am very much interested in this case about proving the age.

I wrote to everyone where we

thought the age could be proven and only one way was left and it did the work.

So if you will let me help to try and see if this way would work, I would love to do it as I am on the Welfare Board of the Workers Alliance and take a great interest in helping my fellow man in need.

I would like to have the correspondent who put this write-up in the Western get in touch with me. (Write care of Workers' Correspondence Editor, Western Worker.)

Bosses' Pay

WASHINGTON—While workers struggled to get better wages during 1936, corporation executives upped their own salaries twice as much, figures from the Securities & Exchange Commission and Dept. of Labor reveal.

Anemic Children

Nursing mothers with not enough nutritious food in their system to satisfy their sucking babies; anemic children, spindly-legged boys and girls—their very thin stunted because of their stunted existence.

There are in this city of

plenty, children who are sick and in want of milk, a basic necessity of which they are deprived because of the economic stint doled out to their families in the name of alms

Today's Miss America



MISS BETTE COOPER of Hackettstrom, N. J., 17, won first place honors at the recent Atlantic City beauty contest, but declined a vaudeville contract and other awards, and returned to college instead.

BALK IATSE'S CLAIM FOR ALL STUDIO LABOR

See Company Plot to Set
Up an Imitation of
Industrial Union

By a Studio Worker

HOLLYWOOD—The announcement of the Int'l. Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, claiming jurisdiction over all studio labor, is not a surprise to Hollywood workers. For years, the IA has tried to increase the power of its officials—and to secure more dues-payers. Its present attempt to control the entire industry has created a tense situation. Long-smoldering dissatisfaction is rising to the surface.

The claim of the IA has had echoes in three places—among the IA members themselves; among the professional guilds; and among the craft workers. In all three groups, the analysis of the IA leads to the same conclusions. These conclusions concern the nature of the IATSE itself, and the effect of IA control upon studio labor as a whole.

Racket or Union?

In studying the nature of the IA, certain things are clear. The IA is not a union—it is a dues-collecting racket. It is dominated by George Browne, who has proclaimed himself its permanent dictator. It has had no meetings here for two years. It has destroyed local autonomy. It has levied an assessment of 2 per cent without the consent of the membership.

During the Federated Motion

Picture Crafts strike, the IA acted as a strikebreaking agency. The militancy of the painters defeated the IA but the memory of IA scab-herding has not faded.

The conduct of IA officials has killed the last loyalty of its own members. IA men are not proud of belonging to it. They hate Browne and distrust him and all his henchmen. They are sick of being used by Browne in his drive for power. They are infuriated by the assessment—which they now see is being used to maintain company unionism and to fight industrial unionism.

Some are suing the IA, demanding an accounting of funds and restoration of local autonomy. And thousands of members are turning toward the CIO as the way out of their predicament.

Browne & Co.

The probable effect of IA control upon studio labor as a whole is made clear when one understands the nature

A Special Page Analyzing 57th Convention of AFL

War Clouds Sobered Delegates at Denver

Almost Quoted Stalin's Exact Words In Urging Unity "For Collective Security and Peace"

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE
(Special to the Western Worker)

DENVER—A great and decisive moment of history came and passed last week in the American Federation of Labor convention here. It took the dark shadow and ominous thunder of a world war cloud to blast away the complacency of the well-fed, well-clothed and securely placed delegates to this convention. It strengthens one's confidence in the labor movement to say the response was fine.

The consciousness of the imminent danger of another world war came about in this way (and the way it came about is no less important than the danger itself):

The British fraternal delegates were introduced with the usual formal expressions of "interest in their problems" and "ties binding us together," by President Green.

Little Speaks

John C. Little, president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union—slow speaking, solid, with years of trade union responsibility behind him, and more ahead—spoke for a while on the detailed economic, social and political problems of the movement he helps to lead. With hardly a change of tone, he came to the end of his speech.

Then came the moment and the response—to be multiplied in fervor and force many times in the next few minutes—when with restrained but rising feeling British Fraternal Delegate Little, fitter by trade, appealed to the American labor movement, in fraternal cooperation with the British trade union movement and the trade union movement of the world, to join hands "against the aggressor nations, for collective security and peace."

He was given the greatest ovation of the convention.

Spoke for Spanish People

British Fraternal Delegate Little had said that "it is no longer a civil war in Spain, it is an invasion of Spain by Italy, Germany and Portugal."

President Green had not mentioned Spain in referring to the war danger in his opening speech. The majority of the delegates are Roman Catholics but there was no protest—only grunts of approval for Little.

Speeches of other fraternal delegates intervened but nothing seemed to swerve the convention from the determination to do something on the one main question—what to do about the armed wars by the fascist powers.

No Claps for Green

At the end of the speeches of the fraternal delegates from Great Britain and Canada, a cablegram was handed President Green. He put it aside and launched into a formal and forcible speech about peace. He took pains to include the Soviet Union with the "dictatorships to whose policies American labor was opposed."

There was not a single hand-clap.

President Green at long last read the cablegram—from Walter Citrine secretary of the British Trades Union Congress. It asked for cooperation by the American Federation of Labor in a boycott of Japan, for its cooperation "against aggressor nations, collective security and peace."

Stalin's Words

Few if any among the delegates and even few among the newspapermen strung along for 70 feet right before the platform knew that Fitter John C. Little and Walter Citrine in almost the same words proposed for the world trade union movement the policy the 7th World Congress of the Communist International urged it to accept, the policy Stalin urged upon the labor movements of the world in his world-famous speech against "aggressor nations."

Yet the moment President Green came to the end of Citrine's cablegram, Delegate Calorran was on his feet to make a motion. The motion was: **That this 57th Annual Convention of the American Federation goes on record by unanimous vote as accepting the cablegram and endorsing the proposals.** No one, of course, under parliamentary procedure, can make a motion for unanimous consent. But the delegate went unrebuted by President Green and applause broke out.

Referred to Committee

President Green, plainly under great nervous strain, asked that the cablegram and the proposal of Fraternal Delegate Little be referred to the Convention Committee on International Relations to bring in recommendations. He asked Delegate Calorran to withdraw his motion. Calorran assented.

But nothing is more certain than that the committee report and commendations deviate in any important way from the proposal for united international action of the trade union move-



JOSEPH STALIN

His famous words at 7th World Congress of International were repeated almost exactly in British Labor's proposals to the AFL convention for united action of labor against "aggressor nations, for collective security and world peace."

Point of Order

A Trade Union Column

By JOHN BROMAN

A SHORT- SHORT story in four installments:

1. Daniel J. Tobin, president of the Int'l. Brotherhood of Teamsters, contributed his two cents' worth to the American Federation of Labor convention in Denver by yelling that Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast CIO director, could "void American neutrality laws by absolutely stopping shipments of all materials to whichever contesting nation he liked the least." It seems "Brother" Tobin didn't like the idea that Japan might be barred from taking weapons of slaughter from the Pacific Coast for use in China.

2. President Roosevelt's history-making speech urged quarantine of aggressor nations. The U. S. State Department declared Japan the aggressor nation in China.

3. The AFL convention gave its loudest applause to Delegate Little from the British Trade Union Congress, for proposing united labor action against "aggressor nations, for collective security and world peace."

4. "Brother" Tobin maintains a discreet silence.

Green and the "Goons"

IN THE Pacific Northwest, Teamster czar Dave Beck's "goons" have been engaged in the playful pastime of trying to take brewery drivers away from their AFL Int'l. Brewery Workers Union by shooting of tires of trucks on the highways and by killing and maiming of drivers who are members of the Brewery Workers Union. The ILWU was applied for an injunction to restrain these gangster attacks.

In the AFL Executive Committee's report to the Denver convention, this matter is handled as follows:

"By this complaint the American labor movement is placed in an unfortunate position before the general public. On the one hand it is alleged the AFL is not alert to changing conditions and the development of a new order. On the other hand, recourse is now had to the equity courts completely to restrain the AFL dealing effectively with new situations and developments arising in our economic, social and political life."

No wonder Bill Dunne comments:

This defense of breaking up an industrial union sets some kind of a new record for confusing a clear issue... The talk of any principle being involved so far as the Executive Council is concerned is undiluted hogwash."

More power to Beck's "goons," says William Green.

CIO Asks Burbank Cannery Election

LOS ANGELES—Earmarked as company stooges, seven officers of the Newsboys' Union who formed an "Aid Society" have been exposed to the rank and file.

The union voted that the "Aid Society" should be dissolved. Four officers refused to abide by this decision and were forced to resign.

The phones attempted to break the union by shouting from the floor that "the union is wrecked." The Newsboys Organizing Committee, however, has called a mass meeting for Sunday, October 10, when new officers will be elected and plans drawn up for the union.

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STOOL USED TO ATTACK LABOR ACT

Wm Green Secured Highly Paid Employers Agent For Dirty Job

By WILLIAM DUNNE

DENVER—The 57th AFL convention last Wednesday reached the lowest moral level in its whole existence.

Through the mouth of Judge Joseph Padbury of Wisconsin, brought here by plane to reply to the unanswerable arguments of Chairman J. Warren Madden, of the National Labor Relations Board, the official machine delegates listened to and applauded a demagogic and destructive incitement for repeal of the Labor Relations Act—the most advanced piece of social legislation passed and enforced in this country since abolition of chattel slavery.

As William Lloyd Garrison said of chattel slavery: "This is an issue on which no honest man should wish to think, speak or write moderately."

This forthright position is the only possible one to take in characterizing the speech of Judge Padbury, highly paid stool-pigeon representing both the AFL leadership and the interests of Wisconsin employers, brought here by President Green, William Hutcheson, John P. Frey and the Executive Council, who were unable and afraid to tackle by themselves the contemptible task of undermining labor's chief instrument of legal protection.

Subject to Disbarment

Ostensibly, Judge Padbury, who in the opinion of your correspondent is subject to disbarment even under the elastic ethical code of the Bar Assn., for the speech he made, came here to give support to the Frey resolution for amending the Labor Relations Act and the resolution for disbanding the present Board and reorganizing it to suit the AFL Executive Council and employers.

Actually, Judge Padbury attacked the whole procedure of free elections under the Act for determining what organization is the choice of the workers affected.

Company Unionism

Such was the hurried nature of Judge Padbury's intervention that no copy of his speech was ready for the press. But I quote verbatim and every newspaperman present got the same quotation:

"Why should it always depend upon the wishes of the employees?" This in replying to the question of what union should represent the workers. This was his whole case against the Labor Act and against the present NLRB: "Dangerous, dangerous, dangerous!"

Urged "Old Order"

He said that if this practice continues: "You are better off to see it repeated—to go back to the old order."

He referred to militant workers as "ambitious individuals, flirting with the CIO." He referred to CIO unions as "ruthless, destructive organizations."

Green's Dirtiest Job

But his main attack centered upon the Labor Relations Act itself, its election provisions, and upon the NLRB. Judge Padbury was paid to do the dirtiest job ever attempted by an AFL Executive Council in a long existence—spotted plentifully with disgraceful failures to seize opportunities to organize the unorganized and replete with actual sabotage of the bitter struggles of the free hand accorded Mr. Ryan and the apparent scrapping of the AFL constitution for reasons of expediency—i.e. for war on the Maritime Federation of the CIO.

Will Be Shut Up

The resolution charges in addition that "the actions of... Ryan have caused not only sympathy for but defection to the CIO ranks of maritime workers disgusted with unsettled international disputes within the AFL." The demand is made that "Ryan be ordered by this convention to return members forced within their group" to the M.M.P.

The MM&P will be told to keep their mouths shut with the same brutality that the AA and the upholsterers have been told that no industrial union charters will be granted them. The craft unions will not only keep all they have but they will get from this convention additional letters of marque and reprisal authorizing them to continue their raids on semi-industrial unions still within the AFL.

One other function was given Judge Padbury—intimidating still further those unions that have expressed a desire for industrial unionism strictly within the AFL, and those unions which have taken issue with the internal tactics of the Executive Council.

Intimidation

Among these are the Amalgamated Assn of Street & Elec-

3 Big Reasons For a DAILY!

William F. Dunne, famous labor leader of years standing and one of the best labor writers in the United States, is "covering" the American Federation of Labor convention in Denver for both the Daily Worker in New York and for the Western Worker.

Because it is published six days a week, the Daily Worker was able to get these stories to its readers hot off the telegraph wire.

Because the "Western" is only published twice a week, it has to give you these stories much later. On this page are three outstanding stories from the AFL convention's developments; on this page are three outstanding reasons for building a Daily Western Worker since abolition of chattel slavery.

If you want to get your labor news as fast as it happens, do your bit in the drive for \$35,000 to establish a Daily "Western." Fill out the following blank and send in your donation today:

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Foc'sle and Dock

By BILL SMITH

THE CAPTAIN of the Panama Pacific Liner California, charges 14 members of the crew with "insubordination. Kennedy of the Maritime Commission charges practically a whole crew of an American ship in South America with mutiny."

The Maritime Commission refuses to sanction a just demand for seamen for a \$250 bonus for taking a vessel through war zones. The Commission also refuses to sanction a demand for life insurance.

Our old "friend," Senator Royal S. Copeland draws up a bill to abolish union controlled hiring halls and substitute for them shipping through the Port Commissioners.

The officials of the Int'l. Brotherhood of Teamsters attempt to smash the Maritime Federation of the Pacific. The big shots of the AFL kick the CIO waterfront unions out of the parent body to the accompaniment of a furious and hysterical barrage of rank red-baiting.

Edward Vandeleur attacks the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union and in his usual daffy manner, launches a personal campaign against George Woolf, head of the organization.

Need National Unity
CONDITIONS aboard many ships are still nearly intolerable. There is crowding, rotten food, lack of adequate sanitation. There is danger of loss of life. Steamship inspection is still a farce. Coffin ships are allowed to sail indefinitely.

Well, it seems there is a lot yet to be done on the waterfront. Who can deny this? Yet, certain individuals and groups would sabotage every sane effort to establish every sea port.

Actually, the AFL kick the CIO waterfront unions out of the parent body to the accompaniment of a furious and hysterical barrage of rank red-baiting.

Everybody knows you can't individually fight the wealth and closely-knit organization of the shipowners. For the shipowners are organized on a national, as well as a local scale. And they have connections with the rest of the prodigiously wealthy industrialists of America. They have lobbies in Washington. They have lobbies in Sacramento. They have lobbies in every state that has anything to do with maritime commerce.

National Federation
THE ONLY possible unit that can adequately fight this shipowner combination is a united East and West Coast—National Maritime Federation that eventually will have close relationship with a similar federalization composed of shoreside transportation workers.

The AFL never took a single step to form such a Maritime Federation. Yet the sentiment for a National Maritime Federation has existed for years.

Now the CIO comes along and opens the way toward the formation of such a Federation and a few misguided individuals seek to block the road toward national unity.

The AFL leadership is bankrupt. It is diseased, just like the breeding royalty of Europe before the war was diseased. It is impotent. It is infinitely reactionary. It is fighting desperately to keep its clutch on the workers who still belong to the AFL. It can do this only by intimidation, mass expulsions, red-baiting and all the tactics we thought were the exclusive property of the employers and the cops.

Democracy in CIO
A NYONE who opposes national maritime unity because of a petty, personal beef is a traitor to the waterfront workers. He is blind.

The CIO proposes to let the rank and file draw up its own constitution for its own National Maritime Federation. It proposes national referendums and local autonomy. Isn't that enough to convince even the most stubborn that the place for every seaman, every dock worker, every single man in any way connected with maritime commerce, is with the CIO and not the AFL?

The January Conference of seamen delegates in San Francisco is going to hammer out a program for the unlicensed men who are to be a part of the Federation.

The Executive Council wishes to keep such issues from the floor and following its traditional tactics, it is trying to scare the living daylights out of union officials not too courageous to begin with.

LABOR BOARD CHAIRMAN PUT AFL COMPANY UNIONISTS ON SPOT IN CONVENTION SPEECH

J. Warren Madden Told Green, Frey and Hutcheson Workers Have Right to Choose Own Organizations

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE
(Special to the Western Worker)

DENVER—There is no sadder soul among the multitude of sad souls repenting their invitation to J. Warren Madden, Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, to address the AFL convention than John P. Frey, Metal Trades Department pundit and author of an amendment to the Labor Relations Act which would once more open the door to company unions under the guise of protecting nebulous craft rights.

every delegate in the convention knew what he meant:

"And we shall so forbid employers and continue to forbid them. If great labor organizations desire to increase their membership by having employers force their employees into them against the employees' will, they must first by repeal or amendment, cut the heart out of the National Labor Relations Act."

Shows Trend
"And if this law shall ever be amended so that in words or in effect it shall say that employees shall be entitled to be represented by a union of the employers' choosing, then all the rest of the law should be repealed for America will have become again the happy hunting ground for the company union. The employers who are now accepting one or the other of the great national organizations as the lesser of the two evils, will fit immediately to their real love, the feeble company union formed by themselves and for themselves, and will inconsistently kick out the National Union which they imposed upon their employees."

It is obvious that there was nothing more to be said unless the executive council, Hutcheson and Frey were willing to come out in the open and defend the company unions.

Although on the day before the executive council had reported chartering of the Blue Card company union forced on the metal miners of the Tri-State Districts as a great achievement, its members were not yet bold enough to say—publicly—they consider the alliance of company union leaders and themselves their ace in the hole in the great gamble for the favor of the employers.

Mystery Defies Science
Why Colonel Frey stuck his neck out for the Madden guillotine is somewhat of a mystery. But authorities on Frey mania claim that at certain times his rapidly hardening arteries crack and exude a peculiar fluid defining analysis and falling into no known biological category.

At such times he feels an irresistible impulse to write resolutions and uses this fluid for ink. The outcome is fantastic always but more than usually so in this particular case.

There is a well-founded suspicion that Colonel Frey had a hand in composing the glowing gem that found its way into the published resolutions under the names of Mara and Dawson. If so, Frey's mania had reached an acute stage as a reading of some of the demands and phraseology will